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The Multi-Municipal Energy Working group wishes to submit the following feedback regarding matters related to the IESO LTI RFP Process.

Expansion of Existing Projects

Expansion or changes to projects should be treated similar to the initial proposal process.

- Municipal Support should be required for changes to increase capacity or to extend contract terms of existing projects.
- Confirmation should be provided to the municipality that an existing project is fully compliant with all terms of its Renewable Energy Approval.
- Noise emissions from revised project shall meet current standards for noise emissions.

Municipal Support

The current information requirements are insufficient.

- Currently, only the type of project, maximum project capacity and project are required to be provided.
- Municipalities should be provided detailed Information such as site plans, setbacks, noise emissions, fire safety and emergency plans.
- Proposals should include a statement of benefits to the community.
- There should be the ability to withdraw municipal support when new information becomes available

Community Engagement

Proper community engagement practises should be required.

- Proper written notice to should be provided to adjoining landowners and the community to a specified radius limit.
- In-person meetings should be a requirement to eliminate barriers related to internet connectivity issues.
- A full project description should be made available and if details are not available, or if changes are made to proposals, additional public meetings should be required.
- The community engagement should require that the benefits to community are included in the presentation and materials.
- Community engagement should take place prior to presentation to municipal consideration of the project.
- > There should be an opportunity for direct community feedback to IESO.

Indigenous Support

Indigenous involvement is important.

- > Projects cannot proceed without local Indigenous support.
- Applies to local community within the traditional lands of the Indigenous community.
- Investment by other native groups only permitted when local community supports project.

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group will continue to stay current on the IESO Long-Term Request for Proposal and offer feedback when relevant to the mandates of the MMEWG.

Regards,

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